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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 2735  
Examiner : Brian Zimmerman  
Applicant : Joel D. Stanfield et al.  
Appln. No. : 08/998,302  
Filing Date : December 24, 1997  
For : ELECTRONIC SYSTEM, COMPONENTS AND METHOD FOR TRACKING FILES



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the Office Action dated August 31, 1998 (with attachments). Also enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer and Check in the amount of \$110 (disclaimer fee). The items checked below are appropriate:

x Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$380 for the extension is enclosed.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	*63	Minus	**63	=00	x \$ 9	\$00	X \$ 18	\$00
Independent Claims	*14	Minus	***11	=03	x \$39	\$00	X \$ 78	\$234
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$130						\$00	X \$260	\$00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$00		\$234

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The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.

\_\_\_ No additional fee is required.

\_\_\_ A fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over the cost of the additional claims added by this response is enclosed.

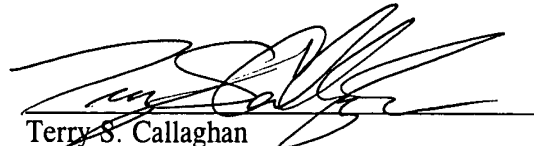
x A fee of \$234 to cover the additional claims is enclosed.

x A check for \$614 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

x Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 16 2463.  
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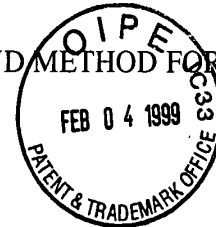
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AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §1.115

In response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

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01 FC:102 234.00 OP  
02 FC:116 380.00 OP

Please amend claims 34-36 and 38 as follows:

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34. (Twice Amended) An electronic file tracking system comprising:

a database for maintaining file identity, file location, and unique file addresses for a

plurality of files;

a processor for issuing control signals;

a folder retainer having electrical contacts communicatively coupled to said processor;

and

a plurality of file folders, each file folder including an addressable device adapted to be electrically coupled to said [bus] processor when the file folder is placed in said folder retainer, and a conductor located on said file folder and configured so as to electrically couple said